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# Universal Air Mail Pilot Killed in Crash

**E**LMER M. KANE, Universal Air Mail Pilot was burned to death when his plane crashed near Mount Vernon, Ohio, Tuesday morning, October 29th. He was trying to make a forced landing, believed to be due to a defect in his motor or because of heavy fog. The crash occurred about 5:45 A. M., on the farm of W. S. Johns, eight miles southwest of Mt. Vernon and only slightly off the regular course to Columbus.

Kane was flying from Akron to Columbus, having left Akron at 4:44 A. M. The time for the trip from Akron to Columbus is about an hour and fifteen or twenty minutes. He was due to leave Akron at 3 A. M. and should have been at the Columbus Airport on Sullivant Avenue at 4:30. He was out about an hour from Akron when the crash occurred.

Everett Agner, a farmer living next to the Johns farm, where the crash occurred, states that he was awakened at about a quarter to six by the sound of an airplane flying low over his house. He says that "he jumped out of bed and looked out of the window." The plane was flying low and the engine seemed to be missing fire. It looked as if the pilot were trying to land."

"As he circled around, one of the wings of the plane seemed to catch on a tree and the plane crashed to the ground.

"There was an explosion and fire seemed to cover it all at once.

"I ran to the telephone and reported to the operator, then I dressed and ran over to the plane.

"Two other men were there when I arrived and in a little bit Postmaster Kelly of Mt. Vernon, appeared on the scene and salvaged the mail sacks and took them to Mt. Vernon."



What was left of the mail was placed on a train for Columbus and Cincinnati.

When the plane was found, it had turned completely over, the

pilot being in the center of the wreckage and with the entire mass in flames. The plane cut a swath through the grove of trees more than 25 feet long before it hit the ground. Had Kane been able to keep his plane in the air for a distance of about 200 feet further, he would have landed in an open field.

The watch on his instrument board was stopped at exactly 5:45.

Lack of spectators at the scene of the crash shortly after it happened, probably averted another accident, for the heavy service revolver which the pilot carried, was fired by the heat and sent six bullets in all directions

Kane was a veteran pilot although 29 years of age. He had only recently joined the northern division of the mail route, this trip being his fourth or fifth. He had been flying for ten years. He learned in Sioux City, Iowa in 1919, while a student at Morning-side College.

In 1925, he entered the Army School at Brooks Field, Texas. He also trained at Kelly Field, being graduated in 1926.

In 1927 he conducted a flying school at Waterloo, Iowa, and then became a reserve air mail pilot for the National Air Transport, on its Chicago-Cleveland run. Next he worked for the Chicago Daily News carrying newspapers by plane to summer resort districts in Wisconsin.

While with the Universal Air Lines he made his home at the Universal Hangar in Cleveland, Ohio.

Kane is the third pilot to lose his life on this route, curiously

enough too, each of the others were killed on the trip south.

A sleet storm was blamed for the death of Tilden "Pete" Johnson, youngest pilot on the line, near West Lebanon, Wayne County, Sunday, November 25, 1928.

Waldo E. Robey died Sunday, June 30, 1929, when his plane hit the radio mast of Station WAIU at the Elks Country Club, Columbus.

The mail that was carried by Pilot Kane on his fatal trip on October 29, was almost totally destroyed. Undoubtedly, much of it was completely burned. As is a known fact, paper packed close together, will burn on the edges but will not burn up completely. It is for this reason that some letters were saved and were forwarded to the addresses that could be found on the envelopes.

Mr. Royce A. Wight, the Air Cover dealer of Andover, Mass., had prepared a good sized advertisement that he mailed by Air Mail and by Special Delivery to the office of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. The advertisement was intended for our Birthday issue of the News of November 2. Unfortunately, this letter came down on the plane from Akron on the fatal morning and it was on October 30, the next day in the afternoon, that a Special Delivery runner from the postoffice brought to the office of the News a Special Delivery letter enclosed in one of the Official Postoffice Department Envelopes. The envelope bore the address of the News and in place of the Andover, Mass., cancellation which would appear on the original letter, the name "Andover, Mass." and the date "Oct. 28, 1929" were typewritten on the envelope where the cancellation would appear. The envelope also bore a typewritten inscription, "Special Delivery" and "Air Mail." Inside this envelope was the letter from Mr. Wight. The stamps had been lost from it. It bore a pencil inscription "Special Delivery" and was burned on the bottom edge and at the left end, the letter and the advertising copy inside being only partly legible.

Enclosed with the letter was a typewritten form from the Columbus Postoffice, which reads as follows:

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No. 16, which crashed and was destroyed by fire near Mt. Vernon, Ohio, morning of October 29th.

James R. Geren, Postmaster.

Another letter from someone, name unknown, because it is burned away, came from a party in the offices of the Western Air Express in Los Angeles. This letter was burned badly on all four sides so that part of the enclosure is burned away and leaving only enough to read a couple paragraphs of the letter and to tell that it was from the offices of the Western Air Express. This letter was enclosed in one of the Official Government envelopes and delivered by carrier on the afternoon of October 30th. The envelope bears the inscription, "Air Mail." The enclosure slip with this is similar to the other but worded a bit different.

It is peculiar to note that another letter addressed to the Central Fruit Company, Columbus, Ohio, was stuck to the back of this letter. A careful examination of this letter, showed that there was a check for \$92.80 enclosed therein, payable to the Fruit Company, from a California correspondent. I immediately called the Central Fruit Company on the phone and advised them of the wrong delivery of the mail and offered to return it to the carrier on the following day or stated that they could send to the office for the check. This latter is what they did and at the same time I asked for permission to keep the letter and envelope and they very kindly allowed me to do so.

Thus there came to the News office, three letters from this ill fated flight of Pilot Elmer M. Kane.

Much of the above information regarding the accident is taken from news accounts in the Columbus Citizen and the Columbus Dispatch. The Columbus Citizen very kindly supplied the picture of Pilot Kane which we are pleased to publish along with this account of the crash.

#### Y. M. C. A. STAMP CLUBS

The Junior Stamp Club of the Boys' Division of the Central Y. M. C. A. at Youngstown, held its last meeting on Friday, November 15th. Boys in Youngstown should get acquainted with this Club.

At Dayton, Ohio, during the Exhibition held by the Dayton Philatelic Society, the Editor of the News, had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. MacLennan, a charming young couple. Mr. MacLennan is with the Boys' Division of the Dayton Y and has been doing some active work among the boys of Dayton for Philately.

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## Dayton Exhibition Huge Success

The first Philatelic Exhibition to be held by the Dayton (Ohio) Philatelic Society, is over, but will not be forgotten and the effects on Philately in Dayton will be felt for some time as a result of this show.

The exhibition was held in a beautiful basement room of the Engineers Club on Monument Avenue at the corner of Jefferson. Promptly at 1 o'clock, the doors of the show room were opened and up to the very hour of closing, there were visitors in and out of the room every minute of the day. Altho there was a heavy rain in the evening, the number of visitors was much larger than in the afternoon. Both boys and grown folks attended the show and everyone was pleased with the display.

Since the entry of stamps in the show was limited entirely to members of the Dayton Society, the number of exhibitors was quite limited. There must have been close to 100 different units in the exhibition. Frames were not used, an entirely new system of showing the stamps was introduced. This was brought about by the wish to have the exhibits uniform, yet to keep the cost down to a figure that would not become a burden on the members. We do not know who was responsible for the novel idea that was used in the display of the stamps, but we do want to recommend it as being highly satisfactory and an elegant way to display the stamps. Large heavy cardboard about three feet wide by four feet high was used to place album pages on, these cards would hold nine pages comfortably. Over the face of the stamps, sheets of cellophane were fastened and the result was most pleasing, the cellophane being more transparent than glass. The cost of this method was very small in comparison to the cost of frames and glass.

There were nine different classes in which stamps were displayed and in one of these classes there were no entries, while in three of the classes there was no competition for prizes.

The exhibitors who had stamps on display were: Mr. C. D. Putnam, president of the Society; Mr. Carlton Smith, Mr. R. Nimitz, Mr. D. B. Bishop, Mrs. Watkins, the

only lady of the society; Mr. Carl Beust, Mr. Ril T. Baker, Mr. Arthur Nevius, Mr. Jacob Gantner, Mr. Wm. J. Aull, Mr. Wm. J. Rueger, Dr. Norton and Messrs. Whittemore, Strachan and Schoch. These are the names of the exhibitors who entered exhibits for competition. Numerous others had entries which were not for competition. The room in which the display was held proved too small and it was necessary that several of the display cards were stood in front of one another so that numerous of the items were overlooked by visitors.

The judges went carefully over the exhibits and judged them in accordance with the regulations as laid down by the Society and hope that they have done their work in a manner that will meet with the approval of the exhibitors.

An excellent dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock which was enjoyed by all. Following the dinner, the President of the Society spoke briefly on the outcome of the Exhibition and the society offered a vote of thanks to the committee and the workers who had been instrumental in bringing the exhibition to a successful end.

Mr. G. M. Mosler, President of the American Philatelic Society, complimented the Dayton Philatelists on the exhibition and the novel way in which the stamps were displayed. Mr. Mosler spoke also of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions and the work it has done and recommended that everyone join this association and help it continue with the work it had started and to help it expand and do more of the sort of work in the future that it has planned for.

Dr. Hussey, Sales Manager of the Society of Philatelic Americans, read the decision of the judges and at the same time Mr. Putnam, president of the Dayton Society, announced the names, the judges having allotted the prizes only to numbers which represented names on the list that Mr. Putnam had.

Under Class (a) U. S. Postage, first prize, Mr. Wm. J. Aull, second prize, C. D. Putnam.

Class (b) U. S. Revenues, first prize, Ril T. Baker, NO COMPETITION.

Class (c) no displays.

Class (d) 20th Century Br. Colonies, first prize, Wm. J. Aull; second prize, D. B. Bishop.

Class (e) 19th Century foreign other than Br. Colonies, first prize, Jacob Gantner; second prize, R. Nimitz.

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Class (g) Air Mails (adhesives), first prize, Carlton W. Smith; second prize, Mrs. Watkins.

Class (h) Precancels, first prize, Dr. Norton; no competition.

Class (i) Covers, first prize, Ril T. Baker; second prize, R. Nimtzig.

First prize was a blue ribbon, second prize a red ribbon. The ribbons were appropriately inscribed in gold for the different exhibits and classes.

George W. Linn of Columbus, complimented the Dayton collectors on the excellent display and called attention to the fact that it seems evident from observation that a stamp display is probably the best way to advertise stamp collecting. A very large percentage of people of advanced age have at some time or other been interested in stamps, they grow up with the belief that it was and still is a "kid" hobby. Shows of this sort will do more to convince them of their error than anything else, and a show of this sort will attract them and bring them out.

It would be a good plan for societies in giving an exhibition to provide a registration card or a card which could be given out and mailed back to the society and have places on the card for the party signing it to indicate whether they would be interested in making contact with the local society.

There were numerous out of town collectors who attended the exhibition. It is of course not possible that we can name all of them here, but among those that the Editor of the News met were: Mr. Stanley W. Hayes of Richmond, Indiana. Mr. Hayes has been a subscriber to the News since its first number and is an enthusiastic fan. Mr. H. M. Goold of Indianapolis, Indiana, dropped in for the show. From Cincinnati, we noted Mr. G. M. Mosler and wife; Mr. A. D. Fennell, Editor of the American Philatelist; Mr. Wm. C. Kennett, who is famous as being one of the biggest stamp collectors in the world; also Mr. H. C. Carpenter, and Dr. A. E. Hussey with his daughter, Helen Hussey.

From Columbus, Mr. W. G. Fontaine and wife drove over for the exhibition in the afternoon, and Mr. George W. Linn and wife spent the day at the exhibition.

There were numerous very excellent displays of stamps, some of which would attract favorable mention at any show. Mr. Aull's mint 20th Century U. S. and his displays of British Colonials could hardly be improved upon. The 1c and 2c Pan American invert displayed by Mr. Bishop, would gain attention at any International show. The collection of Air Mail stamps of Carlton Smith is complete with the exception of

just a few items which Mr. Smith has not yet been able to obtain. The rare first Philippine Air Mail set is complete, including the 4c invert, the 16c olive green and other scarce items. This set is superb, every copy being a gem.

For the Air Cover fan, the round the world Zeppelins from both the United States and Germany, shown by Mr. Nimtzig, would cause many a heartache for those that missed getting in on this memorable flight.

There were numerous interesting and beautiful displays of countries, such as Danzig, Germany, Switzerland, Liberia, etc. Showing what can be done in the way of neat mounting, careful arrangement and intense study, even with stamps which show no great value. However, to the general public, value means little when they are looking at stamps and the man of small means has an equal chance with the other fellow to make a showing that will attract attention.

The Dayton Society has cause to be proud of its first show and of the stamps that were on display. They can do better. They have many more fine stamps in the albums of the members and without doubt, the next exhibition will see some active work and some real competition from members who failed to make entries in this first exhibition.

The Editor of the News brought back a pocket full of subscriptions from the Exhibition, most of which were collected by Ril T. Baker. These Life Insurance men could talk a subscription out of anyone.

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## Some Notes on CANADA

By Major Harry Morell  
ShekBurg, Iowa

### TONED PAPER

In some of the special catalogues devoted to Canada, it will be found that certain of the 1912-26 Type A43. are listed as being on toned paper.

As a matter of fact, none of the stamps in this series are printed on paper other than white. As the colored pigment is mixed with the pulp in the process of manufacture, the texture and color of toned paper is the same throughout its substance and paper of this variety is the same on both sides.

The only Canadian stamps printed on toned paper of this description are the following: 5c leaf—5c numeral and the 5c King Edward, all printed on blue toned paper.

The so called toned paper specimens of the King George (A43.) issue, have been found most frequently in the booklet panes and the 5c violet, and if one of these specimens be examined, it will be seen that the paper on the front is tinted the same color as the stamp, while the back is uncolored. The following communication from Mr. David H. Burr, Gloversville, N. Y. is very apropos:

It will be noted that these stamps are on paper tinted the color of the stamp. To me this is conclusive evidence that the paper is not toned, but that the panes are printed from poorly wiped plates, or new plates not yet worn to absolute smoothness of surface. Again—after removing the gum

the plate surface is colored but the back is not.

In the manufacture of these stamps surface coated paper is not used."

### DESTRUCTION OF PLATES

The plates which were used in the manufacture of the King George (Type A43. Scott & Gibbons)—Confederation and Historical Issues were destroyed on Nov. 14th, 1928.

It may be rather interesting to know that the following, carried out under strict surveillance, is that adopted for the ultimate destruction of the plates, dies and rolls of these stamps, which were considered by philatelists and artists, splendid examples of the engravers art.

The method of destroying plates now in favor by the Canadian Post Office Department, consists of softening the plates and dies and then passing them through a machine which makes a groove over each and every impression. This process is performed at the manufacturing plant. It is later checked and examined by officials of the Post Office Department.

The plates are then conveyed to the Royal Mint, Ottawa, where they are thrown into an acid bath which eats away all the metal contained in them.

### U. S. SPECK VARIETIES

I have been an interested reader of the magazine and my file of numbers is short only two numbers. In your last issue I notice that you give an error on the Ohio commemorative. I think that I have found one on the upper right pane of plate No. 19840. On the stamp above the marginal plate number on the scroll bearing the date 1875, there is a line. The line is drawn completely across the lower right corner of the scroll.

In the postoffice here I bought a complete sheet of the 2c Edison rotary press which had 43 varieties. Some had a dot in the curve of the e of cents, white dashes in the circles with the numerals, and one specimen had two small dots below the P of postage. The clerk at the window had removed the plate number, so I do not know the plate.—William Foote.

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## CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES Bureau Print Precancels

### NEW TYPE ORDINARIES

Hartford, Conn., 2c Mitchell,  
S. D., 1c. Paterson, N. J., 1c.  
Seattle, Wash., 2c. South Bend,  
Ind., 2c.

### NEW TYPE COILS

Birmingham, Ala., 1½c. Detroit,  
Mich., 2c.

### SAINT PAUL SPACINGS

Add to our recent list:

Old type Saint Paul, Minn., 5c  
11x10½ with NARROW spacing  
between the T and P. (Thanks to  
B. D. Hedding of Minn. for showing  
us this.)

### DENVER B-11 BROKEN "O"

The department editor has discovered the Denver, Colo., new type 10c ordinary with broken second O in COLO. The broken O looks very much like a C upside down—and may possibly be such.

### REAL NEW ISSUE COOPERATION

Seven new issues listed this time. Not a bad showing for only a few days. That this department is popular and is getting fine cooperation from our readers is proven by the fact that nine readers helped show us those seven new items. Two parties arrived the same day with the Mitchell, S. D., 1c ord. This is splendid help, and we want to give our sincere thanks to: E. H. Rockwell, Oreg.; Albert L. Jones, Ind.; Dr. H. A. Davis, Colo.; M. E. Nelson Stamp Co., S. Dak.; E. S. Thresher, Mo.; B. D. Hedding, Minn.; Forrest E. Cook, Mich.; Rev. C. L. Young, Nebr.; and L. M. Bare, Tenn.

### FURTHER SAINT PAUL SPACING DATA

In another letter Mr. B. D. Hedding, Minn., states that he has just visited a friend who has quite a large stock of the Saint Paul old type buroprints—in an effort to get news for this department. This stock showed TWO "narrow" to ONE "wide" spacing in the old type 11x10½ (compounds). This and previous new notes in regard to these stamps are probably items

that readers will want to clip and put into their albums alongside these stamps.

### H. M. SOUTHGATE CHOSEN BURO EDITOR OF MEKEEL'S

In their Nov. 4th issue, Mekeel's Stamp News announces that Mr. H. M. Southgate of Washington, D. C., and Maryland, has been selected as Bureau Print Editor to succeed the late C. A. Carroll. Both Mekeel's and Mr. Southgate are to be congratulated on this choice, for he is one of the most enthusiastic and scholarly collectors of buros. He has a complete technical knowledge of the production of these stamps, as he is almost daily within reach of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and can keep accurately in touch with orders and new issues. And Mekeel's is to be congratulated for continuing to give ever increasing space to this new and popular field, Buroprints, which threatens to become second only to specialized U. S. and general foreign in the favor of American collectors.

### NEWS NOTES—REPLIES TO INQUIRIES

C. D. Lindsay of Chicago, submitted an interesting lot of precancels hoping we would find some new issues for listing. There happened to be none in the lot, but there were a number of very recent and interesting items which would have helped our new-issue listing had they arrived a couple weeks earlier. So thanks just the same, Mr. Lindsay. Next time better luck! By the way, Mr. Lindsay submitted about 50 or 60 precancels in all, and we were glad to point out to him which were buros and which general. This is a service that the editor of this department will be glad to perform for any reader providing that not more than 50 precancels are submitted. It this way we can help beginners to learn to distinguish these highly interesting issues.

G. D. Maresca, of New York; Your three precancels are all general issues—not buros. The 6c and 10c Syracuse are city types although these same denominations also exist in the new small type buros. The 11c New York cannot possibly be a buro, as current buro issues are limited to the rotary press printings of U. S. stamps, i. e. ½c to 10c ordinaries or sheet stamps, and 1c to 10c P. 10 vert. coils.

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L. C. Messenger of San Bernardino, Calif., writes in to tell us that he is very much against the listing of bureos by states and greatly prefers the alphabetical city listing.

C. C. Weber of Cleveland, Ohio, submits a copy of the old type Grand Rapids 1c coil without the period after "Mich.". This makes two values of this variety seen by the editor: the 1c and 1½c coils. Who can show us the 2c and 3c coils of Grand Rapids without periods?

C. C. Weber also submits the following "freaks" for inspection, both bureos: New York, N. Y., old 1c 10x10 with O of New York broken open at bottom. Chicago old 10c 10x10 with flaw in top bar leaving a toe-like "Bay" in the back of the bar. Other items that he submits are merely blurred inking and not plate breaks or flaws.

Thanks are due Albert L. Jones and Emerson Erb of Indiana for submitting new issue bureos, which, however, had already been listed. But we hope to hear from them again.

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I don't believe that it has occurred to any of the members that the Society was unusual although it probably is unique to have a stamp organization comprised entirely of members employed by one institution. The Society was organized in 1926 with the object of promoting closer friendships between co-workers who were stamp collectors and of creating a means of mutually improving collections as well as to help the beginner and do a bit for philately.

The membership comprises approximately 50 collectors and the meetings which are held twice each month have an average attendance of 25 members or fifty percent. The activities include the exchange and auction of stamps among members and semi-annual exhibitions are held as well as occasional dinners and at times well-known philatelists have been present as guest speakers. The requirements for membership in the Society are employment in the Chase National Bank of the City of New York and membership in the Chase Bank Club, the mother organization, and there are no charges for entrance fee or dues.

The last dinner was held on Thursday evening, November 7th, as per the Novel Menu enclosed. After the dinner a short meeting was held and then the stamps which are cut from incoming mail at intervals and graciously donated by the bank, were divided among the members. A short auction sale was also held and the bidding was very spirited and especially in first day and first flight covers and dedications. Wives and sweethearts of members were invited to the dinner and a number of these were present, several of whom are ardent collectors. Officials of the bank showed kind cooperation and a number were present, several being collectors and members themselves.

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**POLITICS** Stamp Collectors who have been members of the American Philatelic Society and other National Philatelic Organizations who long for some of the old time Torch Light Parades, Fireworks and soap box oratory that makes a campaign interesting and that keeps alive the interest of the lagging partisan members should join up with the Air Mail Society where things are flying thick and fast.

It has been just one — thing after another in the A. A. M. S. for many months past. The membership has been at loggerheads over matters that are favored by some and frowned upon by others. At the present time the election of officers for the coming year is at hand and the campaign being waged by the opposing factions has about got down to the "You're another" stage.

The rupture seems to be such that it is doubtful if it can be healed. The present officers are fighting bravely for what they believe is right. They clearly recognize what is certain to happen un-

less a check is placed on the activities of certain parties and the unwarranted issue of "so called" air mail covers. The present officers are old at the game and they are experienced.

Much of the opposition has come from collectors comparatively new to the game, collectors who do not realize the eventual result of their present activities. It is the backing of these collectors that has led other old time collectors to actively associate and cooperate with them in an ambitious endeavor to gain control of the Society affairs.

The rupture has already approached the stage where it looks impossible to heal. In fact, it is certain that there are men on both sides who would rather step down and out rather than give in to the demands of the other side.

It is easy to understand this attitude on the part of members on either side if one is familiar with the entire situation.

We might liken it to having a group of Precancel Collectors swarm into the Club rooms of the Collectors Club of New York and attempt to urge their fancy on the membership of this club.

Not that a collector does not have a right to collect what he wants to collect but if he must collect along different lines than that sponsored by a recognized Society let him organize his own society and go his own way, and not try to make the society over to suit his ideas.

Collecting Dedication and Air Show covers is a very pleasant pursuit. It has the thrill of bringing personal contact with the acquisition of the covers within the reach of those who follow the game and this personal touch is what makes it so attractive.

However, there should be a limit to what is included even in a collection of this sort and the principal trouble with this branch of collecting and the trouble that has undoubtedly upset the old guard Air Mail Cover collector is the fact that THERE IS NO LIMIT to what these collectors will accept or add to their collection, thinking that they are collecting air mail covers.

Cachets are applied for Dinners, Banquets, Parades, Commercial Traveler Conventions, Kiwanis Club meetings and any old thing that happens to come to town. No doubt Barnum and Bailey if they were still doing business in the old way would announce a cachet for each town in which the circus would play and collectors of this new school of collecting would simply go nutty if they couldn't get a complete set for the season.

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These tunnels would probably accumulate gas from halitosis and explode, thus lifting the stamp from the envelope.

Anyhow, the Bureau of Standards and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are experimenting. They have tried the experiment of allowing the stamps to dry when they come from the press, before applying the gum. It is said that this procedure seems to give the stamps more sticking qualities and that the Postoffice department has approved of this plan until something better turns up.

**THREE FRIENDS FROM ARKANSAS** have sent a very novel cover to the editor of the News. Since the cover bears but a 2c stamp yet is signed on the back by Franklin Kuhns, Ernest Schaffhauser and Henry Jacobs, we are wondering how they split up the money to divide the cost of the stamp equally between the three.

The cover is cancelled at "PEACE, ARK." An American flag sticker is in the upper left corner and a rubber stamp cachet reading "Victory of the Allies—11th hour, 11th day, 11th month—Eleventh Anniversary—Nov. 11, 1918." The stamp is cancelled Nov. 11, 11 a. m.

Truly a cover that is worthy of preservation.

**PATENT HAS BEEN APPLIED** for on a new album for cover collectors. Announcement of this new album will be made shortly. The book is highly approved by those who have seen it and it is believed that the introduction of this new album will solve the problem that has confronted collectors of covers ever since covers have been collected. How shall I mount my covers? Wait and see, we believe we have solved the problem.

**IT IS NO DOUBT WELL KNOWN** to many of the readers of this paper that a few years ago the Editor was actively dealing in stamps. Auction sales were a regular part of his business at that time. While at Dayton on the 16th, it was his pleasure to meet several collectors who were formerly among some of his valued customers.

No sooner had I entered the exhibit room and commented on some of the Gibraltar pages that were displayed by Mr. Aull than he immediately said to me, "Linn, why in the devil didn't you make me buy those Cayman Islands that I was looking at in your office a few years ago. Some of them babies would have been fine things to have now". There you are boys—there are just as many stamps that you can buy now that will be fine things to have in a few more years. Just pick the lucky ones and you won't regret it. Good stamps carefully selected are certainly a better investment than the stock market, any day.

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**DEDICATIONS, ETC.**

Jan. 1st, 1930. Ponca City, Okla., about this date will dedicate its new Municipal Airport. Chamber of Commerce cachet.

Sumter, S. C. in the near future; Paris, Texas, some time yet, and Tyler, Texas, very soon. All to Chamber of Commerce.

Chatanooga, Tenn., on Dec. 1st. Send to Chamber of Commerce.

Dec. 9-14, The Baltimore-Washington Aircraft Exposition will be held at Baltimore, and the Pitcairn Aviation, Inc., will supply a cachet, to be used during the week. A different color will be used each day. You may send covers to Chas. S. Stern, 2443 Calow Ave., Baltimore, Md.

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A correspondent reports that Derby and Middletown, Conn., will soon have airports. Anyone heard more?

Stillwater, Okla., dedication date not yet fixed. John W. Hinkel, 620 Main St., says that a cachet will be supplied and that covers may be sent to him.

Roanoke, Va. If you sent covers to C of C, send postage and they will return same. It was all a mistake; not ours; which prompts us to say again wait for definite information.

The Muskogee, Oklahoma, Airport will be dedicated on or about December 14. There will be a double cachet. Covers will be autographed by the Commander of the Port at 10c each extra. Covers to W. O. Beasley, Severs Hotel, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

**COVERS RECEIVED**

Pocatello, Idaho, McDougall Field, on Nov. 11, auspices of American Legion. Creditable cachet in black.

Alamosa Airport, Colo., on Nov. 11. Cachet in form of a potato, with plane, and "Hub of San Luis Valley". Friend Frank R. Divers sends covers signed by P. M., Mayor, Pilot and Wm. H. Adams, Governor of Colorado.

Anotonito, Colo., Airport on Nov. 11, has rectangular cachet in red, which also says; "Where the big trout grow."

Tallahassee, Florida, dedicated Dale Mabry Field, Nov. 11 and 12, cachet with facsimile signatures of Officials.

Bonham, Texas, Nov. 11, printed cachet, signed by the Mayor.

The friends who assisted this week are: John W. Hinkel, Ralph Wodhoms, F. C. Baker, F. R. Divers, Donald Dickason, Maurice S. Petty, W. O. Beasley, Jas. W. Green and Anna M. Schaefer.

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One such flight has been to Holland; one to Roumania and return is projected and no doubt others. If so, you can prepare your covers addressed to yourself and send to the post office at Friedrichshafen, Germany, being particular to observe the following regulations:

1. Mail may be sent to any destination.

2. The weight of letters may not exceed 20 grams.

3. The total fee is 50 pfennings (12 cents) for postcards and One Mark (24 cents) for letters.

4. International M. O. for sufficient postage must be sent.

5. Shipments must be clearly marked "By Airship Graf Zeppelin" and must be sent to the post office in Friedrichshafen in a properly stamped envelope, the postage for same being that adopted for the usual German mail. The outer envelope must bear the mark: "For the Airship Graf Zeppelin" Post Office, Friedrichshafen, Germany.

6. The name and address of the sender must appear on both the inner and outer envelopes of the air mail letters.

7. Your covers will no doubt be held until just before the airship departs, will then be properly cacheted and dropped overboard somewhere, and come back to you. It is worth trying.

Reports reaching Trade Commissioner A. Douglas Cook indicate that the Deutsche Luft Hansa are preparing to open an air mail and freight service from Cuhaven via Southampton, Lisbon, Las Palmas, La Prala, Pernambuco and Rio Janerio, with seaplanes capable of carrying a twenty ton load.

It is also reported that Imperial Airways Limited may soon open an air route from London to Cape Town. No definite data yet.

Mail transported in U. S. by air for October was 701,625 pounds as against 655,689 pounds in September.

## STAR ROUTE

The first Star Airplane Route between Watertown and Milbank, S. D. came on short notice and will be continued at least until June. Who got a First Day on this? Might be worth while to have any day.

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## ST. PETERSBURG ON C. A. M.

M. Claude P. Neet of St. Petersburg, Florida, writes under date of November 12 stating that in about three weeks it is believed that St. Petersburg will become a stopping point on C. A. M. 25.

The Chamber of Commerce will apply a cachet in addition to the Government First Flight cachet. The cachet by the Chamber of Commerce will be the famous Sunshine City Cachet that is familiar to most collectors of air mail covers. The cachet will be made in a smaller form and will carry appropriate wording.



FIRST AIR MAIL C. A. M. 25  
PIPER-FULLER FIELD  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Mr. Neet kindly sends a matrix from which we are able to show an illustration of the cachet for this event. Send covers to Chamber of Commerce.

## HOW TO PREPARE COVERS

1. Buy a good quality of envelope, preferably those having red, white and blue markings distinguishing it as Air Mail. A cheap cover tears easily and does not look well in your collection.

2. Put nothing on the left half of the face of the envelope. Leave this space for the cachet. It might be a large one and you want it to show up well.

3. Address it plainly and neatly

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San Juan, P. R.—D. Guiana	.95
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Miami—Managua, Nicaragua	1.35

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2.85

Cristobal—Belize, Br. Honduras

3.00

Cristobal—Tela, Honduras

3.00

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Cristobal—Curacao, 6-21-29

1.75

Curacao—Cristobal, 6-23-29

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Cartagena, Colombia—Cristobal

6-24-29

1.95

## F. A. M. 9 Extension

Cristobal—Santiago, Chile

1.75

Santiago—Cristobal (Aug. 14, but tied down with Chilean high value air mail stamps)

1.25

Santiago—Cristobal, first flight

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using typewriter, if possible and placing same in lower right hand side of envelope.

4. Use any varieties of stamp you wish to make the five cent postage, but be sure they are clean and placed on the upper right hand side of the cover.

5. Fill the envelope with a card as large and your covers will not be as likely to be damaged.

6. Put your name and address on back. The writer has handled thousands of dedication covers this year and found collections violating

every one of these simple instructions.

Then again, Be sure you have sufficient postage on the letter containing your covers as the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce or the collector to whom hundreds are sending does not want to "dig down" for postage due many times, when he is simply doing a favor for you in handling them.

This is written specially to help the new collectors who are starting every week and it might be well for all the older ones to "think on these things".

#### NOVEL ADVERTISING PLAN FOR STAMP SOCIETIES

The Secretary of the Warren Stamp Club of Warren, Ohio, is Mr. Fred L. Never, and Mr. Never sends an interesting account of a plan that could be used by any stamp society for attracting attention and getting in touch with parties in their city who have the stamp "flame" somewhere within them. The plan has been used at Warren and Mr. Never states that to date they have made contact with about twenty-five new collectors or people who have an interest in stamps that they had not previously known about. If this plan will bring such results in Warren it certainly will prove practical in other cities, and the beauty of it is that the plan is one that merchants will quickly help in putting over.

Briefly the plan is as follows: A number of different stamps, say 20 to 25 are mounted in a frame and a number placed below each of the stamps. A prize of some sort is offered to any person who will mail a correct list of the names of the countries from which the stamps came. At Warren, a six months' complimentary membership in the Club was offered to the first person who submitted a correct list.

Stores would readily consent to placing such a frame in their show windows so that it would be easy to get a wonderful lot of free publicity for any local stamp society, through this plan. Of course, a card with the name of the Secretary of the local Club and an offer of a prize of some sort for correct lists should be attached to the display.

The Warren Club has had a display of this sort in several different store windows in Warren, Niles, Leavittsburg and other nearby towns.

The Warren Stamp Club is about to become branch Number 10 of the Society of Philatelic Americans and a Charter is expected within a short time.

#### ORANGE AND BLACK SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. T. F. Southard of West Palm Beach, Florida, sends a copy of the current 15c Orange Special Delivery, which is beautifully colored with intense black spots in the panel at the bottom and on the bushes either side of the window of the building shown on the stamp. Not being our stamp, we cannot drop it in Peroxide of Hydrogen, but if Mr. Southard will do this, it is most likely that the pretty black color will pick up and leave and he will again have a nice orange colored stamp

#### A GEAT STAMP AUCTION

The Postage Stamp Collection of the late John C. Williams of Morristown, N. J., is to be sold under the hammer by the Anderson Galleries, Inc., in New York City on December 2, 3, and 4th. The sale is by order of the Bankers Trust Company of New York, Executors of the estate.

The catalogue of this sale is a large volume  $7\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size and contains over 180 pages of descriptive matter relative to this collection. Catalogues can probably be had by interested bidders from Anderson Art Galleries, Inc., 30 East 57th Street, New York.

The sale is one of the most important that has been held this season and contains an immense lot of very choice stamps. Large lots of stamps in big groups are a part of the sale and it is a sale that will pay every dealer as well as collector to bid on. Much material suitable for the dealer will undoubtedly be sold at satisfactory figures to the buyer.

The recent and present unsettled condition of the stock market will have its effect on this sale, for it is a sale that would naturally attract the bigger buyers.

The terms of the sale call for payment at the fall of the hammer, and it is only natural to believe that many who would have been liberal buyers at a sale conducted under the manner and terms of the usual stamp dealer auctions, will hesitate to bid or buy heavily at good prices at this sale.

#### WOLSIEFFER GETS IMHOFF SALE

The Executor of the Estate of the late C. H. Imhoff, A. P. S. 5830 of Hopewell, New Jersey, has turned over the stamp possessions of Mr. Imhoff to P. M. Wolsieffer of Philadelphia, to be sold at auction.

The property is an extensive one, covering a wide range of philatelic interests. A portion of the United States stamps will be offered by Mr. Wolsieffer in a January Sale. Other items will follow in later sales.

#### SPECIALS

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*China No. 754-757	3.35	2.00
*Danish West Indies, 51-58	3.50	2.75
*Greece Air Mails, 751-754	1.00	.60
*Hawaii, 83-84, block four	.60	.40
*Montenegro, 86-97	3.43	.75
*Montenegro, 198-201 & 255	3.05	.60
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**"HOBBY FOR HEALTH'S SAKE"**

by

**Joseph Charles Salak**

Have a hobby for health's sake. We all know there is no easy way to health and the development and preservation of health, which really is nothing but physical vigor requires constant, intelligent care of the body and scrupulous regard for the laws of hygiene. To have a hobby, that is to relax and do something that you enjoy even tho it may not be profitable and even cost a little money, is a change and this change is what causes the nerves to ease down from the constant strain that we go thru daily.

Dr. Arnold H. Kegel, Commissioner of Health of Chicago, says, "Beside intelligent selection and restriction of food, exercise, exposure to sunshine, fresh air, there should be a healthful attitude of mind, best attained by following a useful hobby. This changes the current of thought and relaxes the strain of work. Ride your hobby wisely and keep well."

Enough said; and what hobby is worth riding more than stamp collecting, philately?

**U. S. 2c PURPLE**

It is not a postage stamp but one of the Metered Mail marks that are becoming so common. This comes from Baltimore and attention is called to it for the reason that we understand that the meter printings are supposed to be in the color of the stamp. Mr. Buttermore of Youngstown gave a list of these metered marks some time ago, but listed the 2c only in red or "a" pink.

—A. H. Albert

**ANOTHER FLIGHT PLANNED**

John Henry Mears, the holder of the world record for flying around the world by plane and steamer, is rather chagrined. Why? Because the Zepp beat his record of 21 days and some hours.

At the present time he is having a huge plane manufactured, and with Bernt Balchen, now with Byrd, as pilot, he feels sure that he will dash around the world in less than 19 days; probably causing Jules Verne to turn over in his grave for the second time.

John Henry Mears is also producer of the stage play, "Brothers," starring Bert Lytell, popular screen star. Brothers is now showing in Chicago to capacity crowds. Seems as if Mears just can't be held back or down.

—Joseph Charles Salak.

**CINCINNATI CLUB AUCTION**

On November 21st, the Cincinnati Stamp Collectors Club will hold an auction. This will be the principal event of the evening, but of course, much swapping and trading of stamps will be indulged in. Several of the Dayton Collectors plan to attend this meeting in compliment to the Cincinnati Collectors, who were at the Dayton Exhibition on the 16th. It is also rumored that Cincinnati is to have a show next April.

**SOUTHERN TIER STAMP CLUB**

The Southern Tier Stamp Society, composed of stamp collectors in and around Elmira, New York, have just elected new officers for the coming year and are planning for some active meetings throughout the winter. Dr. John Keller of Hammondsport, has been elected president; R. C. McAllister of Painted Post, and George Loop of Sayre, are vice presidents, and Kenneth B. Levegood of Elmira, secretary-treasurer.

The November meeting of the Club was held at the Newton Tavern on Monday evening, November 18th. This was a dinner meeting at which members of the Club and their wives were welcome. The dinner was followed by an auction. After the dinner, cards were provided for the ladies while the men swapped stamps.

This Club has sent a questionnaire to each of its members in an effort to get an expression of opinion on numerous matters that frequently come up before a stamp club. This seems to be an idea that could be profitably adopted by other clubs.

**F. N. COES DISPLAYS U. S. RARITIES**

The Nashaway Valley Collectors Club of Clinton, Massachusetts, at their annual meeting on Nov. 4th, elected the following officers. President F. N. Woodman, Vice President Fred Baer; Secretary, Wm. P. Goodale; Treasurer, W. Irving Dunn; Manager Air Mail, Walter Arno; Bourse Manager, Albert Jewett. Regular meetings of the club are held on the first Tuesday of each month and a cordial invitation is issued to all in central Massachusetts to attend. The club sponsored a lecture given by F. N. Coes of Worcester, at the Clinton Historical Society build-

ing which was largely attended by the Club and guests on the evening of November 11th, at which time Mr. Coes showed his remarkable collection of United States rarities. Mr. Fred Baer will show his collection of Old German States at the December meeting to be held on Dec. 3rd.

—O. P. Goodale, Secretary.

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## Looking Round

By "MARQUETTE"  
In Gibbons Stamp Monthly

Some of the Continental journals have been grumbling at new issues, bringing various reasons to prove how bad they are for the hobby. It certainly is not very nice for a dealer who only stocks the older stamps, when his customers insist on spending their limited funds on novelties instead of sampling his wares, and a country which issues new items frequently may ruin the local dealers.

There is something to be said for collecting new issues, however. They are sold on a narrower margin of profit than most other stamps and are therefore cheaper. They are nearly always realisable at a fair proportion of their cost, and if their value moves, it must be up rather than down, save in exceptional cases of over-speculation. Many people have to study carefully the amount they can safely spend on their hobby, and even if they collect for pure amusement they are glad to feel that if a crisis arises a large proportion of the amount spent is easily and quickly realizable. Also there is no forgery bugbear when stamps are bought as issued.

Leaving the financial aspect on one side, I am firmly convinced that, too plentiful as they are, new issues are the life-blood of the hobby in these days when the whole world is continually in quest of novelty.

I feel confident that the stamps of Palestine are in for a big boom. Historically and philatelically they are as interesting as Irish, in fact many would say that they are more so. The Holy Land will be in a prominent place in the news for many a long day to come, and this will make collectors think seriously of it. At present a collection can be formed fairly easily, but this will not be the case if demand increases at the existing rate. Trans-Jordan should not be overlooked, but here there are some great rarities which are practically unobtainable.

Where are the Irish stamps? Two years ago collections were offered at the rate of two or three a week to leading dealers. Now all one sees are small lots of a couple of dozen stamps of various kinds, a few low values used, or an odd set which was bought as a souvenir at the time of issue. The owners of collections seem content to hold on to them—and wisely, in my view. Nor do complete sheets of one value or an-

other come to light as they did quite often in the "boom" days. Whether a "boom" with lots of stamps available, or a steady demand, with no supplies in sight, is the best "speculative position," I leave my readers to judge.

The July Victorian Philatelic Record introduces a market correspondent who has some interesting things to say about Commonwealth issues. I agree with him as to the future of these stamps and the new Gibbons Catalogue prices have probably been noted by many of my readers. Two of the items tipped in the V. P. R. are the 2s, second watermark, unused, and the 6d. Kookaburra. Stocks of the latter stamp seem to be definitely off the market, and it was always popular with the general body of collectors.

A contributor to L'Echo de la Timbrologie, though, as the Vice-President of the French Dealers Syndicate, he may be regarded as a biased witness, has some very interesting remarks to make concerning French Colonial, and particularly the modern issues. The printing figures which he gives, taken in conjunction with catalogue prices, make interesting and illuminating reading.

Of course there was tremendous speculation in these issues a few years ago, but a saner atmosphere seems to prevail today and a steady rise in values is taking place. It does not cost much to keep pace with new French Colonial issues, the highest value being 20 francs, which at round about 2d. to the franc, compares favourably with our 10s. or £1 high values in the British Empire group.

Nor are these modern issues without philatelic interest. It is not indicated in the catalogues, but there are vast differences in shade and paper and gum between the pre-war and recent printings of some of the pictorials, many values of which have escaped definite colour changes and have had quite a long life.

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#### VARIETY

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These stamps being printed from the old style flat bed engraving presses it is probable that the sheet was not fully moistened when printed and that the two top rows were a dry print. This would cause considerable difference in the shade. It has been quite apparent, especially in the Fallen Timbers Stamps that the moistening of the sheet has produced numerous distinct shades.

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